

Where do I go if I need to speak to an attorney right away?

Go to our walk-in clinics at the following locations. **YOU MUST Sign-in** at each location during the first half hour of service to speak to an attorney that evening.

1. 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month
Registration 6:00-6:30pm
(space is limited)
Tel: 301-565-7675
TESS Community Service Center
8513 Piney Branch Road
Silver Spring, MD 20901
2. 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
5:30 pm—8:30pm
Charles W. Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity
11701 Georgia Ave 1st Floor
Wheaton, MD 20902
3. 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month
6:00 pm—8:30 pm
Tel: 240-777-6950
Charles W. Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity
12900 Middlebrook Road
Germantown, MD 20874
4. 1st and 2nd Thursday of each month
5:30 pm—8:30 pm
Tel: 240-777-8400
3300 Briggs Chaney Road
Silver Spring, MD 20904

What if I am not eligible for help through the Pro Bono Program?

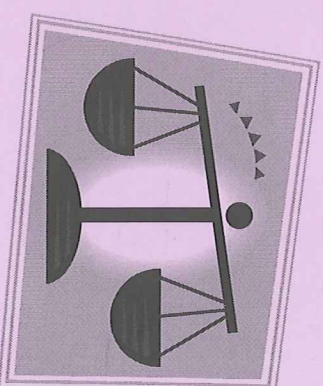
The Pro Bono Program will try to refer you to another agency or program that may be able to help with your legal problem. If your income is too high to qualify for free service through the Pro Bono Program, you may be able to get a reduced fee attorney through the **Lawyer Referral Service of the Bar Association of Montgomery County, MD at 301-279-9100**. You may also contact the legal Aide Bureau for the State of Maryland at 1-888-215-5316.

PRO SE PROJECT- Low income County residents who want to proceed with a simple family law case without an attorney can get limited legal advice or general legal information from volunteer attorneys serving at the Pro Se Project. The Pro Se Project is a walk-in clinic located on the second floor of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, located at 50 Maryland Ave, Rockville, MD.

You can contact the PRO BONO PROGRAM, at (301) 424-7651 on Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM- 4:30 PM.

The Montgomery County, MD, Bar Foundation, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) organization, contributions to which may be tax-deductible. The Pro Bono Program's services are made possible through grants and contributions from the Maryland Legal Services Corporation, and the Division of Community Action of the Department of Health and Human Services of the Montgomery County Government

***If You Need a
Lawyer But Cannot
Afford One ...***



**You May Be Able To Get
Free Legal Help from
Volunteer Attorneys
through the PRO BONO
Program of the
Montgomery County Bar
Foundation, Inc.**

WHAT IS THE PRO BONO PROGRAM?

The Pro Bono Program helps low-income residents of Montgomery County obtain **FREE LEGAL REPRESENTATION** or **FREE LEGAL ADVICE** in civil matters. Lawyers in private practice in the community volunteer to represent clients of the Pro Bono Program for free. The Pro Bono Program also operates several *legal advice clinics*, where low-income County residents can go to obtain free legal advice.

Who is Eligible?

Clients must meet **ALL** of the following criteria to be eligible:

- You must be a **resident of Montgomery County**
- You must meet **Maryland income eligibility guidelines**.
- You must need assistance in an **area of law which volunteer attorneys in the pro bono program will handle**.

What types of cases does the Pro Bono Program handle?

- Absolute Divorce (Separated 1 year)
- Separation Agreements
- Custody
- Adoption/Guardianship
- Simple Name Changes
- Bankruptcy (Simple Chapter 7)
- Limited Debt Collection Defense
- Private Landlord Tenant (NO HOC)
- Limited Immigration cases
- Limited Employment cases
- Wills and Powers of Attorney

What cases are NOT HANDLED by the Pro Bono Program?

- Emergency Cases
- Criminal and Traffic Cases
- Social Security, Unemployment, or Worker's Compensation Cases
- Any Fee-Generating Cases
- Public Benefits
- Public Housing
- Alimony/Child Support/Visitation (*if not part of custody/divorce proceeding)
- Appeals
- Post Decree/Order or Enforcement or Modification Proceedings of Any kind

The Pro Bono Program is committed to helping the residents of Montgomery County, MD. Individual circumstances may vary and in some cases we may not be able to assist everyone.

What do I do if I need an attorney to represent me for free?

- Call the Pro Bono Program at (301) 424-7651 between the hours of 9:00a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday for an initial eligibility screening.
- If you appear to be eligible, the Pro Bono Program will mail you forms which must be completed and returned to us within ten days. You must include a **\$25.00 processing fee** with your completed application.
- If you are determined to be eligible, after returning all the necessary information, the Pro Bono Program will place you on a waiting list for an attorney. When a volunteer attorney agrees to review your case, we will send you a letter with the attorney's name and telephone number. You must contact the attorney and set up all appointments.

Will I get an attorney to represent me immediately?

No. The Pro Bono Program depends on volunteers, so it may take several weeks to find an attorney available to represent you in Court. For this reason, the **Program cannot help people who have emergency cases**. You can get legal advice on a walk-in basis at the evening legal clinics listed in this brochure.